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## DID YOUNG FELD TAKE HIS LIFE?

Theory of Accidental Killing is the One Generally Held.

## SOME FACTS THAT HE WAS MURDERED

Many Important Facts in the Mysterious Tragedy Are Lacking—The Coroner Thinks That Death Was Accidental.

The killing of young Harrison Feld at the Reservoir Park about midnight Saturday is as much a mystery now as when it was first discovered. Information concerning the young man's movements preceding the tragedy is remarkably meagre. Up to this time no one appears to have been located who either saw or spoke to him at the park. It is held that a companion he has remained in the city.

The tragedy was a subject of very general discussion and speculation yesterday and Sunday, and various theories are held and tenaciously argued. With the meagre basis of facts from which to reason, there is ample range for conjecture. It may be stated, however, that the theory of suicide has been very generally abandoned. That of accident is one advanced by Coroner Taylor, a man of long and varied experience in ascertaining the details and reasoning out the hypotheses involved in mysterious casualties. Not a few of the young man's friends insist that the death of the young man was homicidal, possibly committed by some other than himself. It is contended that he was known to have had some money on his person a few hours before the tragedy, and that he had none when found. It is assumed also that he had a key to his house, and that he was alone when he was killed.

The nature of the wound and the direction of the shot, together with the fact that it does not appear to have been held closely to the body, makes it appear likely that the tragedy was self-slaughter. The young man gave no intimation of such intention, left no farewell note, and apparently exhibited none of the deliberation so characteristic of the murderer. The tragedy, altogether, appears rather untenable.

Advocates of the murder theory fail to adduce one suspicious circumstance of sufficient importance to justify such a hypothesis. A motive is lacking, an adequate motive. If it was he who secured it, and when? Who was with him on the evening of the tragedy, or who saw him at all that evening? His purpose in going to the reservoir is alleged to have been to try to find a lost dog for a friend. If he went there anticipating trouble no one seems to have been so told.

The coroner, the police and the majority of people, probably, suspect that the young man was killed by a careless fellow, a hunter, or a boy who was playing with a gun, and for what purpose he secured it.

Coroner Taylor's View.

Coroner Taylor is of opinion that the unfortunate shooting of young Feld in Reservoir Park was purely accidental, and it may be admitted, may circumstances would seem to corroborate his theory. Yesterday evening, Dr. Taylor, when interviewed by a Times-Dispatch representative, said:

"I think the shooting was neither suicide nor homicidal, but was due to Mr. Feld's carelessness."

His argument in support of this hypothesis may be concisely given as follows: Mr. Feld came to the park for reasons which have already been published, and while there he wandered off from the crowd and fired his revolver, and holding it in his left hand in such a manner that the muzzle pointed directly at his breast, he endeavored to cock the weapon. Meeting with some resistance he applied greater force to the hammer, and had nearly brought it to a full cock when it slipped and fell upon the cartridge, discharging the contents thereof into the man's breast, on a level with and to the right of the heart. The ball entered obliquely at an angle of forty-five degrees with the median line, and passing upward, lodged probably in the left lung. Mr. Feld dropped the revolver from his nervous fingers, tottered dizzily ten or twelve steps and fell dead or dying.

What Became of Money?

This account is, of course, mere conjecture, and rests entirely upon circumstantial evidence. It does not satisfactorily explain the disappearance of the \$150 he is believed to have had nor the latch key from the unfortunate man's pockets. Possibly, however, Mr. Feld had pulled out his handkerchief prior to the accident, and in so doing, had inadvertently dropped the key.

Regarding the absence of cash on his person, it is surmised that it was expended that very night in the purchase at some pawnshop of the weapon.

When found the weapon was half-cocked. This fact may be explained by a phenomenon accompanying every case of sudden death. Mr. Feld's fingers retained their convulsive clasp on the hammer of the revolver after the load had been discharged, and unconsciously drew back the plunger to a half-cock.

The deadly revolver is now in the possession of Coroner Taylor. It is slightly rusted, and bears evidence of former use. The hammer is fully cocked and obstinately refuses to be let down. It is a "bulldog," .22 calibre, one of the kind of which, as Coroner Taylor expresses it, "is never known to be loaded."

## POINTERS ON THE WEATHER

At 1 A. M.

FOR ECAS—For

Tuesday and

Wednesday: Vir-

gina and North

Carolina—Fair

Tuesday and

Wednesday: light

south west to

south winds.

### CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Range of the thermometer:

9 A. M. 84

12 M. 80

3 P. M. 81

Average

6 P. M. 82

9 P. M. 88

12 midnight 88

88.5-9

Highest temperature yesterday..... 94

Lowest temperature yesterday..... 74

Mean temperature yesterday..... 84

Normal temperature for July..... 84

Departure from normal temperature..... 0

Precipitation during past 24 hours..... 0.0

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## GRAND JURY HAS ELECTION CASE

Inquiry Begun Yesterday Will Be Pressed to the End.

## COURT DELIVERS A SEARCHING CHARGE

Enjoins Jurors to Probe the Matter to the Bottom and Protect the Purity of the Ballot—List of the Grand Jury.

After receiving a sweeping charge from Judge S. B. Witt as to the alleged irregularities in the recent primary election at the third precinct of Monroe Ward, the grand jury of the Hustings Court commenced an investigation of the matter in the privacy of their room yesterday, and after examining three witnesses asked for an adjournment until 11 o'clock to-day and that a stenographer and a long list of other witnesses be secured. All these were granted by the court, and the jury will likely be in session longer to-day.

The court-room was crowded with lawyers and politicians during the reading of the charge by the court, and they all paid the strictest attention. Chairman James B. Doherty, with Deputy Sergeant Neal, brought the sealed trunk containing the ballots into the court-room, but later they took it back for deposit in a vault of the Virginia Trust Company, as this evidence will not be needed until to-day.

Are Acting in Concert.

Mr. W. L. Royall, counsel for the complainants in the matter, was in court, as was also Commonwealth's Attorney D. C. Richardson. The two are acting in concert, and if anything comes of the inquiry they will make a vigorous prosecution of any who may be indicted.

Mr. Jackson Wise, the registrar in the involved precinct, was also present, and close beside him was his counsel, Mr. G. K. Pollock.

The three witnesses examined yesterday were City Chairman James B. Doherty, Registrar Jackson Wise and Mr. W. Mac Jones, one of the recent candidates for the House.

When Mr. Doherty came out of the room he said: "I don't think there is anything to be brought out that will not bear the light of a public election."

Mr. Jones said he had not been able to give the jury any valuable information. The testimony of Mr. Wise was to the effect that he had registered no one who was not entitled to vote, and that Culbertson, who is alleged to have been working in the precinct, was registered.

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## OVER 100,000 ITALIANS KNELT BEFORE ALTARS

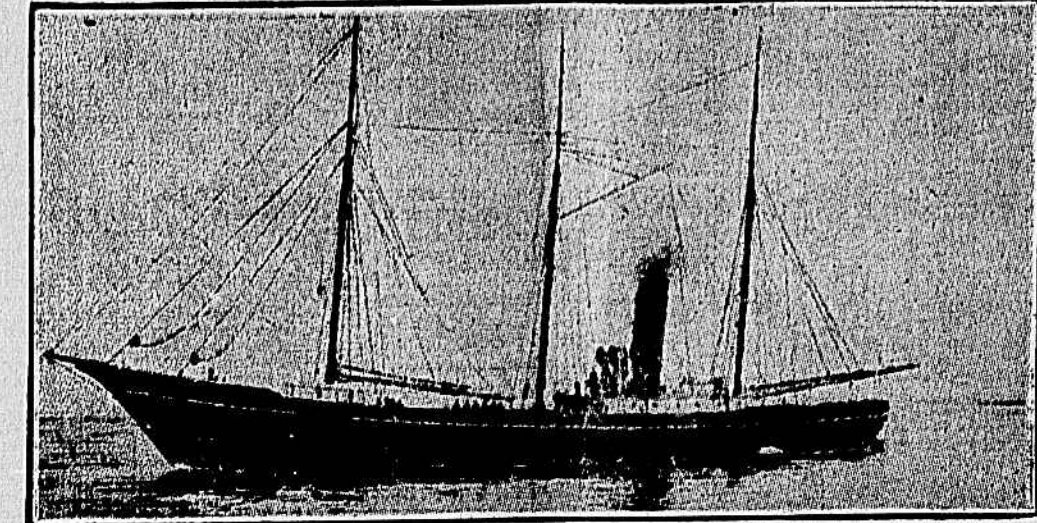
Gathered in Streets of New York Coming From Many Distant Cities.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 17.—More than one hundred thousand Italians to-day congregated between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Sixteenth Streets, the "Little Italy" of New York, to celebrate the feast of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel." They came from as far east as Boston and as far west as Pittsburgh. From thirty miles around New York Italians came on foot, many of them barefoot as a still greater penance. All day was spent in semi-religious festivities. About the colony were scattered altars of wood and tinseil, before which Italians knelt in the streets, and in which many of them laid wax reproductions of fingers, limbs, or other parts of the body, which they prayed the saint would heal. At a street parade the rear end was made up of barefoot women and children, carrying candles and singing and the combined host of their own light and the sun. Hundreds of pilgrims from out of town were forced to live in the streets, and 300 patrolmen were detailed to preserve order.

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## SHIP THAT WILL TAKE PEARY TO ARCTIC SEAS



THE ROOSEVELT. Cheered by a great crowd, Peary's new ship, the Roosevelt, on Sunday sailed out of New York harbor for its dash to the North Pole. It will be met at Sydney, Cape Breton, and will then turn its bow toward the Arctic Seas. The ship will carry twenty persons.

## SUSPECT CARLTON OF KILLING WIVES

Both Died of Lockjaw, and Both Had Been Insured in His Favor.

## BODY WILL BE EXHUMED

Man Welcomes Investigation and Declares Sensational Stories Are Ridiculous.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 17.—The body of Mrs. Mary Gorman Carlton, the second wife of Frederick E. Carlton, of Brooklyn, to die of lockjaw, is to be exhumed and subjected to minute examination for traces of poison.

An order to this effect was signed to-day by Supreme Court Justice Sewell in Brooklyn upon request of District Attorney Clarke, of King county. Carlton is now in Raymond Street jail, held on a technical charge of grand larceny. Carlton said to-day that he welcomed the order which directed that his wife's body be exhumed, as it would result in quieting once for all rumors to the effect that she, as well as a former wife, died from poison.

Both women died of tetanus not long after they had been married to Carlton. Each had been insured in favor of Carlton. When the man was arrested about a week ago on a technical charge of vagrancy, stories regarding the manner of the death of his wives began to get in circulation. Carlton denied them from the first; said it was absurd to bring up such stories and declared that he would be glad to have a searching investigation made. He was released on \$200 bail at that time and readily presented himself when his case again came up in court. This time, however, a charge of grand larceny, preferred by a young man with whom Carlton had roomed, was lodged against him, and his bail was increased to \$2,000. He was unable to furnish sureties in the required amount, and has been in jail since that time.

Woman Being Watched.

The Brooklyn police announced to-day that a young woman, with whom Carlton had lived just before his arrest, is now under surveillance, and that she will be questioned regarding several letters signed by her, which were found in Carlton's possession. One of these letters, dated from a town in New Jersey, implored Carlton to write to her.

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## SWAM LOWER RAPIDS OF NIAGARA RIVER

Two Men Exhausted When They Were Pulled Out, But Uninjured.

(By Associated Press.)

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., July 17.—Carlisle D. Graham, of this city, and William J. Glover, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., successfully swam the lower rapids of the Niagara River from the American side to the whiplow to Lewiston this afternoon. The distance of four miles was covered in twenty-six minutes by Glover. The start was made at 4:05 P. M. from Flat Rock, which is on the American side. The swimmers did not venture in the upper rapids, where Captain Webb lost his life. Both men wore life belts and inflated rubber rings around their necks. From the start Glover took the lead. He entered the rapids about a minute ahead of Graham. Until the Devil's Head was reached the swift current and roaring rapids had the swimmers in their grasp. At that point a swirling eddy caught Glover, and he was down nearly two minutes. His life belt saved him. Graham by this time had gained on Glover, and when the two men reached the end of the rapids just above the suspension bridge at Lewiston there was but a little distance between them. Swimming in the swift, smooth current was hard for Graham, but evidently easy for Glover. At 4:25 o'clock

## RYAN WILL RETURN STOCK TO SOCIETY

Will Sell Holdings for Purchase Price, Plus 4 Per Cent. Interest.

## MADE AGREEMENT WITH DIRECTORS

District Attorney Jerome Secures Copy of Testimony and Announces That He Will Bring Criminal Action if Facts Seem to Warrant It.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 17.—From a director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society it was learned to-day that Thomas F. Ryan, who recently purchased the stock holdings of James H. Hyde, has made an agreement with the three trustees of the Ryan holdings and the newly elected directors to sell the stock he purchased back to the Equitable Society.

This sale is to be made as soon as possible, it is stated, and Mr. Ryan has agreed to turn it into the society, thus thoroughly nullifying it, for the same sum he paid for it, \$250,000, plus four per cent. interest, between the dates of his purchase and the sale.

It was stated that a number of the newly chosen directors, those selected by Grover Cleveland, Judge Morgan J. O'Brien and George Westinghouse, the trustees, accepted posts in the directors' office. There was no doctor nearer than Philadelphia, and the three trustees, accepted posts in the directors' office. There was no doctor nearer than Philadelphia, and the three trustees, accepted posts in the directors' office.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the society was held to-day, but at its conclusion, Chairman Morton said no business of any moment was transacted.

## JEROME SECURES COPY OF TESTIMONY

Will Make Careful Investigation and Bring Criminal Action if Facts Warrant It.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 17.—An official copy of the testimony taken by Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks in his inquiry into the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, which District Attorney Jerome made unsuccessful attempts to secure last week, has been received at the district attorney's office. Mr. Jerome has announced that he will make a careful examination of the testimony, and that if conditions seem to warrant it, criminal action will be begun.

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## ENRAGED PEOPLE BEAT FOOLHARDY YOUNG MAN

Belonged to the City of New York.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 17.—Prompt retribution was meted out to-night to Samuel Brooks, a bather at Audubon Beach, whose foolhardy misadventure last night had the lives of three young women. Brooks was rescued by the police after having received a terrible beating at the hands of hundreds of people who had seen him risk a boat until it was capsized and its occupants thrown into the water. The young women were rescued in a semi-conscious condition. Brooks was arrested.

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## 13 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 13 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 10 are as follows:

- 2 Office, 1 Domestic,
- 4 Trades, 5 Miscellaneous,
- 1 Salesman

This not only interest those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

## PEACE STILL FAR OFF, WITTE FEARS

Russian Envoy Doubtful of Results of Coming Conference.

## DECLARES CZAR CAN FIGHT FOR YEARS

Emperor Anxious to End War, But Will Not Accept Any Terms Proposed—Nation Not on Verge of Dissolution. Crisis Grave, But Will Pass.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, July 17.—M. Witte, the senior Russian plenipotentiary, received the correspondent of the Associated Press at his villa, on Yelagin Island, to-day. M. Witte spoke in French. After greetings, which were cordial, the conversation gravitated quickly to the high mission with which the Russian statesman is charged and the disposition of the foreign press to interpret his appointment as an indication that Russia has decided to make peace at any price.

"No, no," he said, straightening up in his chair and speaking slowly and distinctly, as if weighing the value of each word.

"In the first place, I have been designated by the Emperor as his ambassador extraordinary for four years with the Japanese plenipotentiaries to ascertain whether it is possible to conclude a treaty of peace. My personal views are of secondary importance, but my ideas are in entire accord with those of my friend, Count Lamsdorff. In serving my Emperor I have received precise instructions from His Majesty and shall follow them.

Prospect Not Bright.

"The ultimate decision remains in the hands of the Emperor, and it is for him to decide the destinies of Russia. The Emperor is the friend of peace and desires peace, but I very much fear that the Japanese terms will be such that we will be unable to reach an accord.

"Secondly, the world should disabuse its mind that Russia wants peace at any price. There are two parties in Russia. One favors the continuance of the war, the other the peace. This is a large and influential party. The other, to which I belong, is a small party, but it is the party of the future. I am sure if I report that the conditions of Japan cannot be accepted, Russia will accept the verdict, and Russian people will be ready to continue the war for years, if necessary.

"Thirdly, Russia is not crushed, as the foreign press has led the world to believe. The interior situation is very serious. I do not deny, but in Europe and America the true significance of the situation is not understood. Correspondents are coming and talking with a few hundred people in St. Petersburg and Moscow, misinterpret what is happening, and fill the world with false impressions as to Russia's future.

"Russia is not on the verge of dissolution as a great power, and is not obliged to accept the conditions offered, in spite of the military reverses she has sustained. We are passing through an internal crisis which has been marked by many grave events and which may have others still in store, but the crisis will pass, and in a few years Russia will again take her place as a preponderant power in the European concert."

100 Miles to Reach Patients.

(By Associated Press.)

METTERIESE, WYO., July 17.—Three men were killed and four were injured to-day by an explosion in the Kirwin gold mine. There was no doctor nearer than Thermopolis, one hundred miles to the southeast, but Dr. Richards, of that place, covered the mountainous distance in a little less than eleven hours. Four relays were used by him in making the trip, ranchmen along the route supplying the horses.

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## BELL AND KINGSTON HURT IN LONG FALL

District Attorney of Philadelphia Seriously Injured—Elevator Dropped Six Floors.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, July 17.—District Attorney John C. Bell, Assistant City Solicitor Harry T. Kingston and William Born, of Collingswood, N. J., were seriously injured to-day by the fall of an elevator in the Land-Title building, the highest building in the city. Mr. Bell sustained a compound fracture of a leg, Mr. Kingston had both legs fractured and Mr. Born was injured about the body and received lacerations of the scalp. The elevator operator, the only other occupant of the car escaped with light injuries. The elevator dropped from the sixth floor of the building to the basement. The cause of the accident is unknown.

The news of the accident to Mr. Bell and Mr. Kingston created a sensation. Mr. Bell has been prominently before the social leaders of the city, and Mr. Kingston is almost equally prominent. Mr. Bell has been prominently before the public since the political upheaval began in this city some weeks ago. Recently he declined to assume the initiative in causing the arrest of political leaders who are also large city contractors. It is probable another prosecutor will have to be appointed by the Governor.

## MARTIN GIVEN WARM WELCOME

Greatest Crowd of Campaign Meets Him in Pittsylvania.

## INSPIRED BY THE FINE AUDIENCE

The Junior Senator Threw More Vim and Enthusiasm in His Speech Than in His Wont. Makes New Friends and Also Votes—Speaks at Danville.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent.)

CHATHAM, VA., July 17.—Senator Martin has "invaded the enemy's country," as Mr. Bryan said of his famous trip to New York State and city, something over eight years ago. The senator spoke to 2,500 or 3,000 people at the county seat of Governor Montague's county to-day and will speak in Danville, the Governor's home town, to-night.

He met here to-day the largest crowd of Virginia sovereigns he has ever spoken to. He says this himself. He knew his friends were making great efforts to have here to-day, on occasion of his first appearance as a stump in the Governor's own county, a great outpouring of the people, but he candidly admits that he was surprised at the large crowd that greeted him.

That he was pleased as well as surprised was shown in his manner of speaking. The large crowd, his cordial reception by the people of Pittsylvania county and the enthusiasm of his friends naturally animated and inspired him, and he probably made the best speech he has made in the campaign. Of course, he went over the ground that he has gone over at other places, but in other places, but it is but a simple statement of fact to say that he was more animated than heretofore. He evidently realized that he was in the enemy's country, as well as before an audience that was made up of strangers, and in defending his record and giving an account of his stewardship, he was perhaps more earnest and threw more vim of soul into his address than have characterized any of his other speeches in the campaign.

Made Friends.

That Senator Martin made new friends to-day was plain to a casual observer, and that he earned many votes his friends believe and are not slow to express their belief.

Today's meeting had been advertised all over this and adjoining counties. Handbills and doggers with the senator's picture on them, and announcing the meeting, had been scattered for ten days or two weeks in every nook and corner of the county, and the columns of the Chatham and Danville papers had been freely used to let the people know that Senator Martin would be here to-day, and a silver cornet band from Danville would furnish inspiring music, and that an old-fashioned Virginia barbecue dinner would be served free on the grounds immediately after the speaking.

The State's second largest county in the South had never seen the junior senator and they wanted to see him. They had heard his private and public record attacked and that he had a defense to make and they wanted to hear his defense.

They had not heard a cornet band play "Dixie" and other inspiring airs for a long time, and they wanted to hear the band play. It has been a long time since there has been an old-fashioned political barbecue in this historic place on anything like a large scale. In the Chatham and Danville papers had been freely used to let the people know that Senator Martin would be here to-day, and a silver cornet band from Danville would furnish inspiring music, and that an old-fashioned Virginia barbecue dinner would be served free on the grounds immediately after the speaking.

A Mixed Crowd.

All these things combined to bring a big crowd of people to Chatham to-day. They came from every part of the county, and they were of all ages, men, women and children. Democrats, Republicans, colored people, Martin men, Montague men, voters, non-voters, drummers, tobacco warehousemen from Danville, shoe sellers from Lynchburg and various and sundry other sorts of people. This is the third Monday of the month, which was, under the old regime, regular County Court day, and Pittsylvania people have not yet gotten out of the habit of going to the court-house on the third Monday. Yes, there was a big crowd to-day, and it would probably have been twice as large but for past weather conditions. Much rain has fallen in this part of the State during the past eight weeks, crops are much in the grass and to-day it is said to be the first good working day the farmers of Pittsylvania have had for several weeks.

It is estimated that this fact kept a thousand, maybe two thousand, away from the meeting. The meeting was held on the public school grounds of Chatham, a beautiful grove in the center of which stands the leading public school building of the county. The grove is lovely, but the building is a disgrace to Chatham, the county and the State. Appropriately enough, it stands near a cemetery.

Like a Camp Meeting.

When the crowd had assembled the grove looked much like the scene of a big crowd, rather than a political pow-wow. Buggies, carriages and wagons were packed here and there, and possibly as many as a thousand women were seated or strolling about the grounds of the school, and the grove was full of happy children. Here and there one heard the band play. A stand had been erected in the lower part of the grove, and seats improvised from logs and pinecones from a nearby sawmill, surrounded it.

Something more than a third of the throng sat on pinecones for fully three hours and heard the speakers. I have never seen people give closer attention to speakers than did the Chatham crowd. Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, the senator's opponent, the Democratic party, introduced both speakers, and in both of his introductions